

**URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023
6:30 PM-8:00 PM
PLANNING AND OPERATIONS FACILITY
1011 E. KERR AVENUE
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

The study session meeting of the Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the Planning and Operations Facility, 1011 E. Kerr Avenue, Urbana, IL at 6:30 pm. The notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the park district administrative office and at the location of the meeting. Copies of the notice and agenda were received by each commissioner of the district and by local newspapers, radio, and television stations at least forty-eight hours before the meeting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois. A copy of the notice and agenda is attached to the minutes. Also available for inspection are all documents that were reviewed or approved at the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
President Michael Walker	X	
Vice-President Meredith Blumthal	X	
Commissioner Nancy Delcomyn	X	
Commissioner Roger Digges		X
Commissioner Cedric Stratton		X

Also present were Tim Bartlett, Executive Director;
Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning and Operations;
Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation;
Laura Orcutt, Business Manager;
Leslie Radice, Aquatics Manager;
Allison Jones served as Recorder.

I. Call to Order

President Walker called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

A. Remote Attendance

There was no remote attendance requested.

II. Accept Agenda

COMMISSIONER DELCOMYN MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BLUMTHAL TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, ALL SAID "AYE."

III. Public Comment

Staff read aloud a public comment submitted via e-mail.

IV. Discussion

A. Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center – Four Year Agreement

Director Bartlett reviewed the history of the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Urbana School District for operations of the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center. He noted the final updated agreement is presented tonight, spanning 4 years, which includes some changes to operations with a focus on conserving financial resources. He noted that management of the facility remains the same and he thanked staff and the public for their support in this effort. The Board and staff discussed the proposed IGA and clarified several points. Leslie Radice reviewed the specific changes in the to day-to-day operations, and noted the final agreement will come before the Board for approval at the April Board Meeting. Board and staff also discussed disseminating the information to the public with a joint statement with USD.

B. Draft FY 24 Budget Goals

Staff presented the draft FY 2024 Urbana Park District Goals, and noted that these are the larger, district-wide goals with a heavy focus on capital projects. Staff reviewed the specific goals, including beginning construction on the Health & Wellness Facility, updates at Perkins Road site, accessibility across the district, You Belong Here next steps, master planning, next steps for Brookens gym, Prairie Play update, grant opportunities, trails & peace pole project at King Park, special events, collaborations, future land acquisitions, and Capital Improvements. The Board and staff discussed these projects and how best to accomplish these goals in the year ahead.

V. **Comments from Commissioners**

Commissioner Delcomyn commented on the importance of jobs, which UPD provides, to the individual as well as the community. She also encouraged asking local banks to support UPD projects.

Commissioner Blumthal commented on the new head of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

VI. **Adjourn**

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Michael W. Walker, President

Timothy A. Bartlett, Secretary

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Date Approved: 5/9/23